



YAYASAN GUNUNGUNGAN

Preparing for February 2015



The Gununggunungan Foundation has been operating in Solo for more than 7 years now. And at the end of 2014, we have to get ready to move house. The lease on the house that we rent will expire in February 2015 and it is unclear whether we may be able to extend the contract or not, so we have to be prepared. It still looks a long way away, but sometimes time runs like watching a movie, we just sit and hold popcorn, and before we know it the movie is almost over.

In 2013, 3 more children graduated and went off to look for work, while it still seems like they only just arrived at the orphanage for the first time yesterday afternoon. We are here talking, joking, laughing together, and do not feel how they've grown and become ready to live a life of their own. Three or four years ago they arrived with plain faces and were always asking directions when they wanted to go somewhere. Now they've memorized almost all the areas of Solo, even the small streets that are not very well known by many. We feel a sense of emotion and pride, even though every year we say goodbye to some children, it always feels special and emotional.

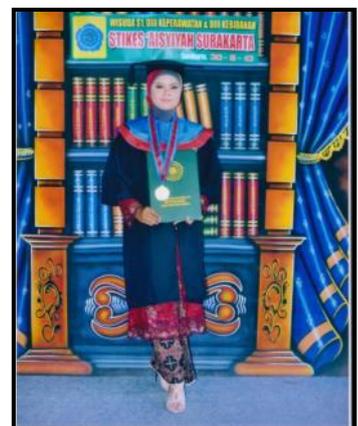
We would like to thank so much all the people of Solo and the surrounding areas as well as supporters from outside Solo and abroad. The orphanage has received many types of assistance, in the form of support, funding, donations of food, provision of household appliances, and many others. Local businesses, organisations and families still continue to remember our children, so that each month of Ramadan they arrive for fast breaking ceremonies, which is always an exciting time for everyone. Thank you so much to our supporters from abroad who still remember our children even though you are far from here. There have been a lot of people visiting us and it always brings excitement for the kids. We are very grateful to everyone who has been able to take the time to come and visit. For everyone who has helped us facilitate each step, our deepest thanks from all the staff and children at Yayasan Gununggunungan.



Official Rice Pyramid to celebrate the Anniversary of the Children's Refuge

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Mbak Lilis graduates Uni with a degree in Nursing



GUNUNGAN CHILDREN'S REFUGE

Gunungan Indoor Football Team

The boys had been wanting to play indoor football for quite a while now. They played regular football at a park close to the Refuge, but really wanted to join the fun of indoor football.

Using the local park is free, and after searching for information about the cost of indoor football, they found the cost for one game (duration one hour) was Rp40,000, (approx. US\$ 3.5) during the day and Rp 50.000, (approx. US\$ 4.5) at night. The lads chose the night time because they have school during the day. Since the decision was made to join indoor football, the boys ended up going almost every night of the week, from 6.30 till 7.30 in the evening.



Gunungan Indoor Football Team



Because they played so regularly, the boys were given extra free bonus time by the center. Thank you very much to the Indoor Football Center.



On June 23, 2013, the boys received an invitation to a friendly match between all the orphanages in Solo. The prize for the winning team was Rp 1,000,000 (Approx. US\$ 90). A generous sponsor donated a brand new football strip which they looked very professional in. Unfortunately their skills were not yet as professional as their strip. They scored the first goal, but it turned out to be their only goal, and they lost all their matches in the first knockout competition.

However the kids really enjoyed themselves being able to feel the euphoria of competing and also making many new friends. Something to definitely continue.



Mbak Danik says goodbye



Mbak Danik has worked at the Gunungan Children's Refuge since it first began in 2006. However after getting married in 2011, Mbak Danik decided it was finally time to resign from the Refuge to be able to spend more time with her husband, who also worked at another orphanage in Solo, a branch of Ad-Duha called Aksha. From one orphanage to another..



The Children held a farewell event, and tried to make it as 'up beat' as possible. Perhaps because Mbak Danik would only be moving to another orphanage close by, and all orphanages in Solo keep good communication with each other anyway. Sure enough, if there are events outside the home, the children still meet Mbak Danik and her new children. The children now being looked after by Mbak Danik are still small, babies and young infants. If there is an orphanage event in town we often go together so the older Gunungan children can help Mbak Dhanik manage the little ones. For her, trying to control 12 young infants running all over the place would be next to impossible on her own.

It feels nice, because Mbak Dhanik's separation from Gunungan does not really mean separation.



Mas Nono with the shades. Not to hide his tears, but to look cool...so he says...



(left) Everyone getting together for some food and drink with Mbak Dhanik

(right) Mbak Danik is presented with some parting gifts by Mas Deni



Mbak Vina Says Hello



After Mbak Danik left, a new person arrived to replace her called Mbak Vina. Mbak Vina is very friendly and easy to get on with. The children took to her immediately as a new parent figure.

Mbak Vina likes keeping up with all the Indonesian celebrity news. One of the children, Mbak Vani, also likes celebrity gossip and when the two of them are watching celebrity talk shows on the TV together they enter their own little world... Vani & Vina..



Mbak Vina with Mbak Rofi, Mbak Dewi, and Mbak Vani

Local Street Festival



Before Selling - Photo Op..

On 25 April 2013 the local community where the Children's Refuge is located held a street festival. There was a bazaar, free treatments, people singing and community cleaning activities. Because the local community government offices, where the center of the festival was taking place, are right in front of the Refuge, automatically the children felt the festival hysteria. Even the Refuge front garden was borrowed for the day to give free treatment to the elderly. For the whole day there was a row of assorted food vendors set up in front of the Refuge.



Mbak Ayu, one of the youngest children at the Refuge, appeared in one of the festival shows. Mbak Ayu is standing in the far left position together with her friends.



Meatballs & Pop Ice Ready 4 Sale

Mbak Yati and Mas Joko, who were already about to graduate school but had not yet found jobs, had the idea to rent a vendor site. But as it turned out they were allowed one for free. They sold grilled meatballs and Pop Ice from their site. At first it was just for fun, but by just midday they had managed to sell over 100 meatballs. They had to quickly run and buy another 100 meatballs to sell. The Pop Ice also sold like hot cakes. In addition, by the end of the afternoon they had sold a gallon of sweet tea and over 50 Pop Ices. Mbak Yati's accounting studies at school paid off and they managed 100% profit markup on the day. Not too bad for an afternoon of fun.

They performed the Soyang dance. A dance which originated in East Java and is commonly danced by children in school festivals.



Mbak Yati busy selling Pop Ice

Usually this festival would take place in August, on Independence Day. However since Independence Day fell during the month of Ramadan this year, the festivals were moved to a different month.



Waiting for customers to come. On the left of the grilled bakso are some fried rice packets made by Bu Sartini. Sold out in 3 hours! Hope you remembered to take a seller's commission Mbak Yati..



The street stalls. Almost all the local fare was catered for, including Serabi, a famous Solo pancake made from coconut and rice flour.



Second shift. 100 Meatballs gone already. Keep going...

WHITE WATER RAFTING 2013



In April the children were once again invited to go white water rafting with the Solo Expats Association (S.E.A.) to Citra Elo.

Unfortunately someone... forgot to recharge the camera battery from the night before and it was completely dead. However luckily Mbak Vina jumped into action with the camera on her handphone and was able to capture a few moments from the day.



For sure whenever we go anywhere we always return with some story, whether it be funny, exciting or just plain strange.

This time Mbak Ayu, Mbak Aini, and Mbak Dila were the material for the story.

Mbak Ayu was in a boat with Mbak Vina. The Guide shouted that the boat was going to spin around, but unfortunately Mbak Ayu didn't hear the warning and was flung into the river, ending up drinking a fair amount of it as well. Well maybe Mbak Ayu has learnt her lesson and next time will pay a bit more attention to the Guides...or then again, maybe not...



Then Mbak Aini and Mbak Dila, also had a scary experience. Halfway down the river everyone stopped by the river bank to stretch their legs and have some fresh coconut drink. While they were all busy enjoying their drinks, no one noticed that Mbak Aini and Mbak Dila were quietly drifting off down the river. Strangely both were too afraid to call for help. Not afraid of drowning (they were wearing lifejackets), but afraid of calling for help...

Luckily Henry and Ervian saw them just as they were about to disappear around a bend in the river, and finally Mbak Aini and Mbak Dila were rescued by their SEA friends. This was the first time either had been rafting and hopefully it has not put them off going again.

So even without a camera there are still some things that can be told without it.

Thank you SEA.



FORKIPASOS

The Forum for Social Work Communication and Information (FORKIPASOS) is an association of all the children's homes, senior citizen's homes and mentally handicapped homes in the city of Surakarta (Solo). The association meets once every three months to share information and discuss common issues. In May 2013, it was the Gunungan Children's Refuge turn to host the meeting.

There are about 20 institutions incorporated in this association and, while Gunungan is still the youngest having started just 7 years ago, we do our best to participate and be active within the group.



Much can be learned from these meetings, with the goal of all to be able to provide a better service for those in their care.



Mas Ken Vists

Mas Ken was a volunteer from Hong Kong. Previous newsletters already mention what good friends Ken Mas and the children had become. Previously Mas Ken had promised to visit the Gunungan Refuge if he ever came to Indonesia again.

And in May 2013, Mas Ken returned. The children and Mas Ken took loads of photographs together and this time Mas Ken brought souvenirs with him from Hong Kong.

However one of the children had already experienced Mas Ken's return. One night a while previously, in a semi-conscious state between being asleep and awake, Mbak Ana got up and took her bike out onto the terrace. She then went to wake Mbak Yati up to come out to the street to meet Mas Ken.... But it was 2 o'clock in the morning! Poor Mbak Ana is always a bit embarrassed and just gives a small smile when reminded about that night..

For Mas Ken, thank you so much for still remembering us.



Mas Deni's Picnic

After three years at the Kartodipuran State Elementary School, this was the first time Mas Deni was going on a school picnic. The school has a unique way to determine when a picnic will take place. Parents are required to pay monthly dues of Rp.15,000 (approx. \$1.30) towards the child's healthy diet. From that money, every month Deni will receive five different healthy food items such as fruit or milk. There is generally a bit of cash left over each month and that is saved up until there is enough to pay for a picnic. So when the price of food goes up Deni and his friends have to wait a long time for a picnic, but when the price is cheap they can have a picnic more often.

In May 2013, the money collected was enough and Deni and his friends could finally go on a picnic. It had taken three years...

They went to 'Kids Fun' in Jogjakarta. Kids Fun is a very popular recreational park for children and gets many visitors. Deni was so excited he arrived at school that morning accompanied by Mas Heru, one of the Refuge caregivers, at 6am, even though the bus wasn't due to leave for another 2 hours at 8am!..



Graduation Day



Mas Steve with the pride of Gunungan

In 2013 there were a lot of children graduating. Mbak Rofi, Mbak Dewi, and Mas Panggih graduated from Junior High School, and Mbak Ana, Mbak Yati, and Mas Joko graduated from Vocational Senior High School. Usually the children have to wear uniform to school, but on Graduation Day they dress up in clothes traditional to the region. During the ceremony they are each presented with an envelope that informs them whether they have passed or not. On the one hand it is a very special and exciting day, but on the other hand also a nervous one, because if they do not pass then they have to repeat the full year again.

Congratulations to the children who all passed and are able to continue on to Senior High School or leave to find work. Unfortunately a few of their friends were not so lucky and were noticeable by their absence on Graduation Day. It turned out that a teacher had come to their houses the day before to deliver the sad news. So that is the secret. Luckily there was no visit by a teacher to the Refuge prior to Graduation Day.



Mbak Ana and Mbak Yati. Came to the Refuge at the same time, went to the same school, and graduated together.



On the day, Mbak Ana was crying, overcome with emotion, so overjoyed that she had passed. Mbak Yati on the other hand had no problem posing for the camera. But sadly when everyone arrived back home we realized that there were almost no photos of Mbak Ana.

Here they are, the Princes and Princesses of Solo



Mas Joko with his school friends looking the coolest in his red jacket.



Breaking the Fast 2013

Once again so many guests visited the Refuge for fast breaking ceremonies with the children during Ramadan 2013. The 30 day schedule was almost full by the fourth day of fasting. In the end, rather than disappoint, ceremonies were also arranged with groups for the morning, as well as the traditional evening ones. So guests would come to the orphanage at 3 o'clock in the morning to break the fast with the children.

Many student groups who came in 2012 visited again in 2013 and brought many new friends with them. The children had a great time, playing games, quizzes and other new and exciting events with the guests. Thank you to all the groups who remembered the Gunungan Children's Refuge in their Ramadan agenda, 'Selamat Hari Raya' and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.



Saying Goodbye

In 2013 three children graduated from the Gunungan Children's Refuge, Mas Joko, Mbak Ana, and Mbak Yati.

All the three of them came to the Refuge about 3 and 4 years ago.

Mbak Yati plans to continue to higher education, while working part-time. She enrolled in an evening course in Solo which runs from 7 o'clock until 10 o'clock at night.

Mbak Ana plans to continue her education attending a one year English course in the city of Surabaya.

Mas Joko is looking forward to starting work. He looked at a lot of jobs and in the end decided on one outside Java island, working in a computer factory in Batam, Sumatra. Some of the neighbors from his village also work there, so Joko can feel comfortable that there are people to help and guide him there.

We can only wish them the very best in all they do.



Mas Joko came to the Refuge in 2009 and attended Senior High School studying computer technology. Now he has a good job at a computer factory in Batam, Sumatra.



Mbak Mujiyati, or Mbak Yati for short, came to the Refuge in June 2010. She majored in accounting at Senior High School and is now working at a restaurant during the day, while attending an evening Diploma course in Accounting.



Mas Steve and Mbak Yati



Mas Steve and Mbak Ana



Mas Steve and Mas Joko



Head of the Refuge together with the 3 children who graduated



Mbak Ana also came to the Refuge in June 2010. Mbak Ana studied Office Administration at High School and is now attending an English Language course in Kediri.

(Oct 2014 update: Mbak Ana recently came back to visit the Refuge and we talked fluently in English for over 20 minutes. She now teaches English. Well done Mbak Ana!)

Visit from DIPO-STAR



Dipo Star Finance is a subsidiary company of Mitsubishi Indonesia. As part of their 30 year anniversary they held a celebration with the children at the Gunungan Children's Refuge. Loads of Dippo Star employees attended playing games and having fun with the children. They arranged a dancing contest with prizes for the children and donated a whole host of items to the Refuge. There was a new guitar, new shoes, two PCs, a television, printers, foam mattresses, dispensers, and food parcels. Everything the Refuge needed. And now that there was a new television, no more television competitions again. Whatever the grades, good, bad or ugly, the children will still have a large TV to watch. Thank you Dipo-Star and Happy Anniversary.



Mas Steve and the Head of Dipo-Star



The team of Mas Deni and Mas Nono won the most, because of Mas Nono's height and long arms he was easily able to throw the ball into the basket held by Mas Deni.



All the gifts were so very much appreciated



Happy 30th Anniversary to Dipo Star

National Social Solidarity Day



20 December in Indonesia is National Social Solidarity Day. A day dedicated to children and people Living in Social Care Homes.

To celebrate the day, various competitions were held. From speeches and poetry reading to singing songs and reading prayers. There were prizes for the top 3 in each category.



The prize giving ceremony was a few days after the event and in addition Mas Ken had also arranged to have some food delivered for the New Year, so it was a doubly special day. Thanks Mas Ken. Happy New Year 2014.

Summary of activities 2013

Here's a summary of some more things that took place over the course of 2013



Invited to watch a film with Kick Andy at Cinema XXI. It was a great motivational movie.



Mbak Lilis was one of the first children to join the Refuge back in 2007. She graduated Uni with a degree in Nursing and a step nearer to becoming a full time nurse.



Learning to make noticeboards together with university students from the university magazine forum.



Receiving visits from local student groups.



Activities with INLA still continue to run, and the children are getting better and better at performing on stage.



Invited to the birthday party at Cinema XXI Solo Square, the kids watch the animated version of Red Riding Hood. It's a cute movie, but because it was in English and the Indonesian subtitles went too fast, some of the children struggled to fully follow the story.

University students who had visited previously for work experience, returned to hold events with the children. They grilled corn, grilled fish, and watched a movie together. It's great when guests return and still remember our children. Thank you UNISRI friends.



And this is what children do when there are no events. Strip the Melinjo trees in front of the Refuge of their fruit. The fruit is delicious boiled, sweet and sour. The process to collect the fruit takes more than two hours, carefully avoiding the ants. However it takes less than 10 minutes to eat it!!

Summary of activities 2013 continued



New clothes from Japan, including shoes and accessories for the girls.
Arigatou Gozaimasu, Zutto. :)



Matahari Department Store always send items left over from their end of the year sale to the Refuge. Terima Kasih Banyak Matahari.



New school shoes for everyone. Much needed, thank you very much.



Financial Report 2013

Presented below is the summary financial report for the Gunungan Children's Refuge for the year ended 31 December 2013.

(Note, approximately: 1USD ≈ IDR 10,500 , 1GBP ≈ IDR 16,500)

Statement of	
Financial Activities	IDR
Incoming Resources:	
Voluntary Income (see below)	282,571,273
Bank Interest Revenue	1,468,284
Other Income (Vehicle Sale)	17,979,000
Total Incoming Resources:	302,018,557
Resources Expended:	
Refuge Staff Salaries	57,733,374
Food & Consumption	34,607,400
Education	66,894,000
Property Rent	41,888,889
Household	14,063,100
Electricity	11,862,186
Excursions	215,650
Telephone	3,662,043
Administration Staff Salaries	11,655,417
Administration Expenses	6,354,923
Fixed Asset Depreciation	5,774,084
Total Resources Expended:	254,711,066
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	47,307,491

Balance Sheet	
	IDR
Fixed Assets:	
Furniture & Equipment	2,500,833
Vehicles	-
Current Assets:	
Cash at Bank & in Hand	210,063,236
Prepaid Expenses (Rent)	41,444,446
Other Receivable	25,092,870
Current Liabilities:	
Other Liabilities	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS:	279,101,385
Funds of the Charity:	
Previous Year Funds	231,793,894
Current Year Funds	47,307,491
TOTAL NET FUNDS:	279,101,385

Financial Report 2013 (continued)

Presented below is the summary financial report for Gunungan Children's Refuge for the year ended 31 December 2013.

Voluntary Income	IDR	Voluntary Income	IDR	Voluntary Income	IDR	Voluntary Income	IDR
G0001	14,970,000	G0254	500,000	G0290	2,500,000	G0326	500,000
G0004	152,350	G0255	300,000	G0291	509,269	G0327	200,000
G0009	27,000,000	G0256	134,000	G0292	1,500,000	G0329	1,136,600
G0010	47,176,600	G0257	3,739,594	G0293	200,000	G0330	100,000
G0017	16,365,000	G0258	200,000	G0294	1,000,000	G0331	500,000
G0037	9,971,226	G0259	30,000	G0295	450,000	G0332	350,000
G0044	500,000	G0260	1,250,000	G0296	4,000,000	G0333	300,000
G0062	100,000	G0261	1,350,000	G0298	350,000	G0334	100,000
G0069	3,031,000	G0262	890,300	G0299	3,107,000	G0335	100,000
G0074	50,000	G0263	700,000	G0300	1,000,000	G0336	200,000
G0129	5,933,396	G0264	2,900,000	G0301	1,865,000	G0337	100,000
G0142	570,000	G0265	500,000	G0302	500,000	G0338	350,000
G0158	1,000,000	G0266	200,000	G0303	16,740,000	G0339	1,000,000
G0165	1,600,920	G0267	120,000	G0304	110,000	G0340	100,000
G0169	25,730,699	G0268	200,000	G0305	200,000	G0341	500,000
G0175	500,000	G0269	100,000	G0306	500,000	G0342	100,000
G0176	500,000	G0270	200,000	G0307	150,000	G0343	100,000
G0179	1,000,000	G0271	300,000	G0309	2,521,450	G0344	3,345,000
G0185	11,135,639	G0272	1,500,000	G0310	1,800,000	G0345	200,000
G0186	2,957,024	G0273	500,000	G0311	250,000	G0346	1,000,000
G0189	200,000	G0274	400,000	G0312	220,000	G0347	200,000
G0190	1,000,000	G0275	250,000	G0313	430,000	G0348	150,000
G0196	4,200,000	G0276	150,000	G0314	150,000	G0349	150,000
G0221	498,345	G0277	200,000	G0315	500,000	G0350	408,000
G0223	210,000	G0278	500,000	G0316	900,000	G0351	200,000
G0232	4,025,000	G0279	500,000	G0317	3,000,000	G0352	150,000
G0238	250,000	G0280	389,280	G0318	300,000	G0353	600,000
G0245	488,150	G0281	1,000,000	G0319	100,000	G0354	100,000
G0246	3,853,700	G0282	1,000,000	G0320	100,000	G0355	100,000
G0247	4,432,754	G0283	180,000	G0321	500,000	G0391	1,538,443
G0250	600,000	G0284	814,212	G0322	250,000	G0392	7,790,526
G0251	150,000	G0285	500,000	G0323	50,000	TOTAL	282,571,273
G0252	500,000	G0286	500,000	G0324	1,800,000		
G0253	200,000	G0287	796	G0325	500,000		

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